



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes January 10th, 2019

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by ELAC Chair, Nick Straccione (EMSL). Meeting minutes were taken by Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), ELAC secretary.

The December 2018 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Marc Feitelson (PAS).

Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP): Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

Please check the ACPL line by line and make sure it is correct.

Make sure personnel change requests come with all the required documentation. If initial applications or modifications are sent in incomplete, the entire package is being returned with a letter.

The renewals will look different this year. The order is different on personnel sheets, You must fill in the blank category etc.

Part III updates are ongoing. There are no user defined methods for drinking water, for NPW/SCM are on a case by case basis and the programs will be notified who can use them. If a regulatory agency requests a user defined method, it may be approved with specific authorization for whom may analyze it. More old methods have been removed from Part III particularly in Air category, LL TO-15 2007 revision has been removed..

Method 537.1 has been approved and is being added for certification AFTER MARCH 1. The analytes for SDW and user defined NPW. SCM will not be certified until a method is developed.

Non-Potable PFC's modified for soils will be certified with SOP # and revision. These will not be a user defined method.

If you are certified by a method not approved in NJ, they will be removed from your ACPL (secondary certification).

Questions on the certification program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov.

NJDEP-OQA is beginning the process of amending NJAC 7:18 with a technical update, one has not been done since 1996. Official outreach to begin process of revision. The official launch will be sometime in 2019 and ELAC will be kept informed.

Suggestions can be submitted via email to OQA@DEP.nj.gov; include method, rule, specific text applicable to recommendation to explain/support benefit to increase quality by removal and or inclusion.

Proficiency Test (PT) Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

SCM Intent to Suspend letters going out, makeup study due in April. NPW letters going out this week. SDW study January 2019. NPW March 2019. PFC's are a required PT.

It is recommended that you get two PT ampules for SDW study since you must analyze analytes by each method you hold certification

Questions on the proficiency testing program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov.

The NELAC Institute (TNI): Nick Straccione (EMSL Analytical, Inc.) was present to provide an update.

The Next TNI meeting is scheduled for the end of January 2019.

New guidance documents were due out the end of December. Laboratories should start switching over to the new standard for chapters there are no questions on.

Check the TNI website for additional information <http://www.nelac-institute.org/>.

Division of Water Supply & Geoscience/Safe Drinking Water: Linda Bonnette (NJDEP BSDW) was not present to provide an update.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) at: linda.bonnette@dep.nj.gov

Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP): Amy Bowman (NJDEP-SRWMP)

There was a 12/21/18 listserve looking for comments on the MCL for 1,4-Dioxane due by 1/20/19.

DRINKING WATER QUALITY INSTITUTE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT FOR 1,4-DIOXANE

The Drinking Water Quality Institute (DWQI) was established (Title 58:12A-20) to make recommendations including the development of maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), development of appropriate testing techniques to measure MCLs, and testing frequencies for implementation by the Drinking Water Program of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The DWQI is currently developing an MCL recommendation for 1,4-Dioxane (CAS #123-91-1). As part of this effort, the DWQI is requesting submittal of data and information related to the following topics for 1,4-Dioxane:

- * Health Effects: data or technical information concerning the toxicology, epidemiology, toxicokinetics, or other studies related to health effects that should be considered in the development of the MCL.
- * Analytical Methods and Practical Quantitation Levels (PQL): data or technical information on analytical methods for drinking water and associated Practical Quantitation Levels.
- * Treatment Methods: data or technical information on methods for treatment removal from drinking water.

Information will be accepted until 5:00 PM on January 20, 2019.

All comments should be submitted to watersupply@dep.nj.gov

Additional information on the DWQI can be found at: www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/g_boards_dwqi.html

Questions on the SRWMP program may be emailed to Greg Toffoli (NJDEP-SRWMP) at greg.toffoli@dep.nj.gov.

New Business:

New Stakeholder meeting 1/18/19 10-3 for new MCL, GWQ's, cleanup standards as well as the proposed updates to PWTA to includes PFOS and PFNA.

EDD Subcommittee Ken Liao and Roger Page (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS).

No updates, continued background programming being done. This committee will be placed on hold for the time being until the NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS department notifies the ELAC committee of any changes.

Questions and comments may be directed to Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS) at ken.liao@dep.nj.gov

Communications / OQA Website:

Rose Koplin (AAR) reported that the NJDEP-OQA website was updated with the approved minutes.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Marc Feitelson (PAS) and seconded by Steve Rudeker (IAL). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, in **5th Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Rose Koplin at: rkoplin@accreditedanalytical.com by Wednesday, January 31, 2019.**

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